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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
 filed on or after June 8, 1995.
 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/18,884
Filing Date	March 17, 1997
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	D. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	0756-1653

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
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Signature		Date	July 19, 2005

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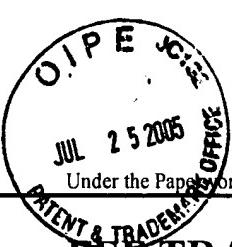
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FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2005

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790.00)

Complete if Known

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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 and credit overpayments

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	300	2001 150 Utility filing fee	
1111	500	2111 250 Search fee	
1311	200	2311 275 Examination fee	
Over 100 Sheets/250 for each additional 50			

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20**	= X \$50 =	
Independent Claims	-3**	= X \$200 =	
Multiple Dependent		=	

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	(\$)
1202	50	2202 25 Claims in excess of 20	
1201	200	2201 100 Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	360	2203 180 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	200	2204 100 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	50	2205 25 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	60 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1020	2253	510 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2254	795 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2255	1080 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250 Notice of Appeal	
1402	500	2402	250 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1000	2403	500 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	500	2452	250- Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,500	2453	750 Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1,400	2501	700 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	800	2502	400 Design issue fee	
1503	1100	2503	550 Plant issue fee	
1462	400	1462	400 Petitions, Group I	
1463	200	1463	200 Petition, Group II	
1464	130	1464	130 Petitions, Group III	
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801	790	2801	395 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
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